

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, April 8, 1879, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL 38 Park Place, New York.
April 8th, 1879. Dear May:

The chief interest of Gray's Examination has evaporated with the close of the Cross-examination. His counsel are now engaged — by a “Re-direct Examination” in trying to cover up the damaging effect of his cross-examination. Yesterday Gray's letters to me were produced and acknowledged as his. He evidently was prepared for the first two — but the last and most important one, fell upon Gray and his counsel like a thunderbolt. When this letter was handed to him and he was asked whether it was his — he turned to his counsel, Mr. Brown, and said — “I'll swear to it — and you can swear at it!!”

A letter from me was produced by Mr. Gray — and as I had no copy of it — I felt curious to see what it was about — It turned out however to be a pretty good letter and acting immensely in our favour. For it shows that Gray and Prescott and etc., knew before that book was written that my patent was prepared months before the date of the patent itself.

The Re-direct has suddenly closed and I may come home with this letter so I will close.
With such love.

Alec.